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SUBJECT: UNCTAD - ANNOTATED AGENDA - COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES -
JULY 4-8

1. A COPY OF THE ANNOTATED AGENDA (TD/B/C.2/168) FOR THE
JULY 4-8 SESSION OF THE UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES WAS
AIRMAILED DEPARTMENT MAY 24 TO IO/IEP BRUCE. SUBSTANTIVE
AGENDA ITEMS ARE:

ITEM 3 - A SET OF INTERRELATED AND MUTUALLY SUPPORTING MEAS-
URES FOR EXPANSION AND DIVERSIFICATION OF EXPORT OF MANUFAC-
TURES AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. OVERALL
DOCUMENT IS TD/B/C.2/175, WHICH ACCORDING TO SECRETARIAT, IS
NOW BEING TRANSLATED AND REPRODUCED AND SHOULD BE AVAILABLE
SHORTLY. IT WILL CONSIST OF HISTORICAL REVIEW OF TRADE IN
MANUFACTURES OF LDC'S WITH OECD COUNTRIES, SOCIALIST COUN-
TRIES AND OTHER INTRA-LDC'S, GIVING NO CONCLUSIONS, BUT
INDICATING LDC'S FARED FAIRLY WELL WHEN EFFECTS OF
RECESSION TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

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ITEM 3(A)(I) MTN - DOCUMENT TD/B/C.2/177 TO BE AVAILABLE
APPROXIMATELY JUNE 9 AND IS BRIEF REVIEW OF RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS. IT WILL EXPRESS DISAPPOINTMENT AT SLOW
PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS. WHILE NO CONSULTATIONS HAVE YET
BEEN HELD WITH G-77 OR OTHER GROUPS (TENTATIVELY SCHED-
ULED FOR JUNE 17), THE SECRETARIAT EXPECTS THIS ITEM WILL

GENERATE QUITE A LOT OF PRESSURE FROM THE G-77 SINCE THE NAIROBI RESOLUTION ON THE MTN'S 91(IV) HAS NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED. DOCUMENT TD/B/C.2/170 EXPECTED APPROXIMATELY JUNE 10 AND IS REVIEW OF RECENT TRENDS IN LIBERALIZATION OF NTB'S, INCLUDING APPLICATION OF THE STANDSTILL. IN ADDITION, DRAFT RESOLUTIONS TD/B/C.2/L.71 AND TD/B/C.2(VII)/SC/L.1 WILL AGAIN BE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. THE SECRETARIAT RECALLED THEAT APPROVAL TO REFER THE TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS TO GATT HAD ALMOST BEEN ACHIEVED AT THE 16TH BOARD AND HOPES THAT ACTION CAN BE COMPLETE THIS TIME ON THE TWO DRAFTS.

ITEM 3(A)(II) INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES - DOCUMENT TD/B/C.2/174 DUE SHORTLY. ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARIAT THIS IS A GENERAL REVIEW DOCUMENT ON THE OPERATION OF THE MFA, PLACING SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON SHORTCOMINGS OF THE LIBERALIZATION AND GROWTH OF TRADE PROVISIONS OF MFA. THE DOCUMENT ALSO TOUCHES UPON THE LIMA DECLARATION PROVISIONS ON INDUSTRIAL RESTRUCTURING IN THE FIELD OF TEXTILES. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO SOURCE WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT, THIS IS A BRIEF, VERY POORLY WRITTEN DOCUMENT. IT WENT THROUGH A VARIETY OF TRANSFORMATION, DRAFTS, ETC., EACH OF WHICH WAS FOUND UNACCEPTABLE BY THE SECRETARIAT. THE RESULT IS AN INCONSISTENT MISHMASH OF LITTLE PROFUNDITY.

ITEM 3(A)(III) ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE MEASURES - DOCUMENT TD/B/C.2/171 DUE IN TWO WEEKS OR SO. THIS IS A REVIEW OF THE U.S., DUTCH, AND CANADIAN LEGISLATION AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF GATT, MFA, OECD, AND EEC ACTIONS. IT CONTAINS SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE, ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EARLY WARNING MECHANISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THE SECRETARIAT INDICATED THIS IS AN ITEM THAT GROUP B MIGHT LIKE TO PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO. IN ADDITION, DRAFT RESOLUTION TD/B/C.2/L.70 WILL BE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

ITEM 3(B)(I) INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE COOPERATION - DOCUMENT TD/B/C.2/179, NO ESTIMATE OF WHEN WILL BE AVAILABLE. THE SECRETARIAT CONSIDERS THIS THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. IT IS DESCRIBED AS THE SECRETARIAT'S THOUGHTS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIMA TARGETS ON INDUSTRIALIZATION AND CALLS FOR A MULTILATERAL COORDINATION OF INCENTIVES FOR LDC INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, ENCOMPASSING LDC/DC COORDINATION OF EFFORTS, ESTABLISHMENT OF "FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS" TO FACILITATE TRADE IN MANUFACTURED GOODS AT THE ENTERPRISE

LEVEL. THE SECRETARIAT CITED THE LIME CONVENTION AS THE TYPE OF AGREEMENT THAT THE SECRETARIA HAD IN MIND, AND SUGGESTS THE EXTENSION OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT BY OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. IT TOUCHES UPON BINDING OF GSP RATES AS WELL AS UPON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FAVORABLE INVESTMENT CLIMATES IN LDC'S. THE SECRETARIAT NOTES THAT THIS IS A VERY COMPLEX AREA AND THAT IT DOES NOT EXPECT DEFINITE CONCLUSIONS AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING AND, THEREFORE, WILL BE SUGGESTING THAT THE WORK BE FOLLOWED UP BY AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS IN WHICH UNIDO WOULD PARTICIPATE. WE HAVE URGED THAT AN ADVANCE COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BE MADE AVAILABLE SOON. COMMENT: DESPITE EFFORTS TO GAIN GREATER CLARIFICATION OF THE SECRETARIAT'S THOUGHTS ON THIS SUBJECT, THEY STILL APPEAR TO BE FUZZY AT BEST. HOWEVER, THIS ITEM IS VIEWED AS THE MAIN IMPLEMENTATION VEHICLE FOR NAIROBI RESOLUTION 96(IV), AND IT IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANTICIPATED A GREAT DEAL OF HEAT, IF LITTLE LIGHT, WILL BE GENERATED IN THE COMMITTEE DEBATES.

ITEM 3(B)(II) IMPROVING LDC SUPPLY OF EXPORTS - DOCUMENTS TD/B/C.2/173, 169, 176, 172, AND 178 - THE FIRST TWO DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE ISSUED AND A CORRIGENDUM IS BEING ISSUED TO THIS EFFECT. COMMENT: DOCUMENTS 173 AND 169 WERE DESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARIAT AS BEING INCOMPLETE AND THEREFORE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA. ACCORDING TO ANOTHER SOURCE IN THE SECRETARIAT, THE TWO DOCUMENTS WERE SUPPRESSED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN CRITICISM OF LDC'S OWN EFFORTS. THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS COME UNDER CRITICISM FROM THE G-77 LATELY FOR DARING TO CRITICIZE THE G-77 IN ALMOST ANY WAY AND, AS A CONSEQUENCE, HE IS VERY CHARY OF ISSUING ANY DOCUMENTS THAT COULD BE TAKEN AS CRITICAL OF THE LDC'S. END COMMENT. DOCUMENT 176 IS DESCRIBED AS A RESUME OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO UNIDO INCLUDING POLICY CONSIDERATIONS PRESENTED THERE. IT DISCUSSES TARGETS FOR MANUFACTURING AND CHANCES OF REACHING SUCH TARGETS, TRADE WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND INTRA-LDC TRADE, TRADE BARRIERS AND NTB'S AS WELL AS THE ROLE OF CARTELS IN SUCH TRADE, INDUSTRIAL RESTRUCTURING NEEDS, ETC. DOCUMENT 172 IS A SUMMARY OF THE UNCTAD FERTILIZER STUDY, AND DOCUMENT 178 ON "DYNAMIC PRODUCTS" IS DESCRIBED AS A STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF TRADE IN MANUFACTURES OF LDC'S.

ITEM 3(B) (III) COOPERATION WITH UNIDO - DOCUMENT TD/B/C.2/180, DATE FOR ISSUANCE NOT KNOWN. DESCRIBED AS A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON COORDINATION MEASURES WITH UNIDO.

ITEM 3(C) RBP'S - DOCEUMENT TD/B/C.2/181, REPORT OF
THE AD HOC GROUP. ONLY ACTION EXPECTED IS APPROVAL OF
TWO MEETINGS OF THE AD HOC GROUP IN 1978.

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